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Title : Need to announce a comprehensive package for all round development of the Anglo-Indian Community in the Country.

SHRI FRANCIS FANTHOME (NOMINATED): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the problems being faced by the Anglo-Indian Community in the Country. The Ministry of Minority Affairs has the mandate to address prevailing and emerging concerns but no scheme for the community has been prepared as yet. Due to lack of access to loans from the Minorities Development Financial Corporation, the Community is unable to set up small units. There are no scholarship facilities for professional and higher education and the Government does not facilitate accreditation/affiliation of education institutions. The job opportunities earlier prevailing were withdrawn and no alternatives created. Consequently, the economic condition of community is extremely pathetic. As a micro ethnic and linguistic minority in the country which has contributed far in excess of its population, there needs to be enabling avenues to participate and contribute to the gross national good.

The Government is requested to announce a comprehensive package including financial support by way of access to a dedicated fund for loans, at least 20 scholarships for higher and professional education in different areas, job opportunities on priority basis in certain sectors, like, Railways, Customs, Armed forces and Post & Telegraph and facilitate affiliation and recognition of institutions for vocational, professional and higher education.